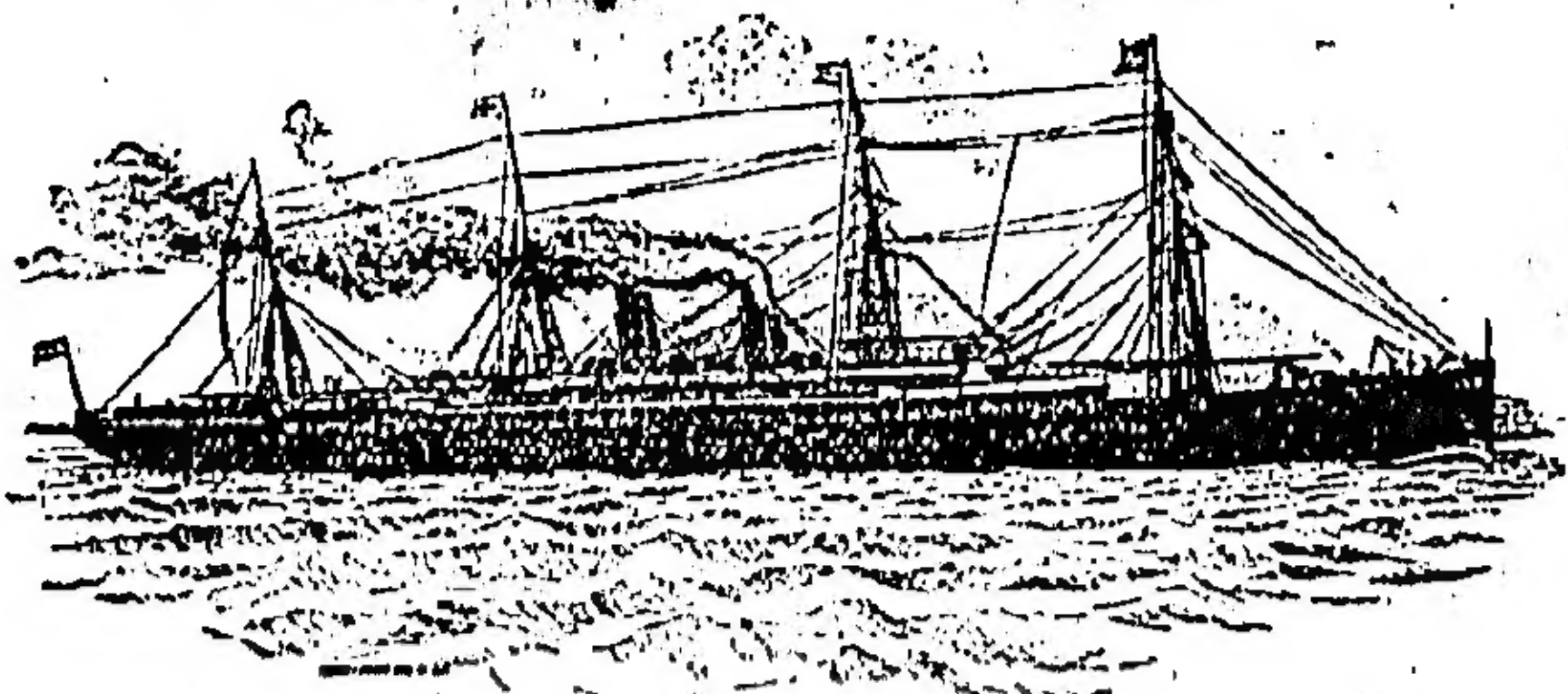


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"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 15th July.
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(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

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NURNBERG (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	14th July.	Freight.
WURZBURG (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	28th July.	Freight and Passengers.
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THE OUTLOOK FOR GERMANY IN CHINA.

M. Alexander Ular contributes to the *New Deutsche Rundschau*, a long article entitled "What are the Prospects for Germany in China?" He explains in detail the political situation in China and the attitude of the Chinese population towards Europeans, showing how the present state of affairs has been brought about. He blames European merchants, and especially Christian missionaries, for deliberately ignoring or abusing Chinese manners and customs to secure their own personal pecuniary gain, and the iniquity of the system under which Europeans are subordinate, even in commercial dealings with the Chinese, only to the laws of their own country. He writes: "The following example, which is absolutely authentic, shows better than all discussion how comprehensible the Chinese hatred of foreigners is. The superintendent of an American mission at Shen-si bought, in 1899, silk goods to the value of £8,000, and, in conformity with the universal Chinese custom, gave a verbal promise to pay for them at the end of three months. When this time expired he did not pay, and credit was allowed for another three months at 11 per cent. per month. As the good Christian did not pay at the end of the second three months the creditors appealed to the courts, where they were told that the missionary was subject only to the jurisdiction of his own consular court, which was at Tientsin, 500 miles away. By carefully remaining inside the mission house the superintendent evaded the lynchings which so many of his comrades had suffered in similar circumstances. When the matter finally reached the Consular Court the latter demanded, in accordance with American law, the signed proof of the debt. As the missionary had adopted the Chinese custom of promising by word of mouth no signature could be produced; the American Court, therefore, honourably acquitted the superintendent and denounced his creditors to the Imperial authorities as black-mailers." Missionaries, says M. Ular, are the plague of China, and their reason for going there is very evident. The writer gives a clear view of the progress of Russia's influence in China, relates the inner history of the recent Boxer rising, with its attendant complications, and concludes: "The great victory of the white over the yellow race resolves itself into a wretched massacre in favour of the Russian policy. China, in the embrace of the Russian power, under a Manchu dynasty, which is bound hand and foot to Russia, is and remains merely Russia's battering-ram against the pressure of European colonisation. And now we can put the question: What has Germany to expect in China? Politically, sooner or later, a collision with the Russo-Chinese coalition; and nothing else. What are Germany's economic prospects in China? The Kaiser's great dream most probably was to create a German India in China. But China is no India. Should the gigantic Russo-Chinese alliance really tolerate Western activity for any length of time, the inevitable development of the economic conditions would be broadly as follows:—First period: European capital works in China with European implements and Chinese labour; China becomes a magnificent market for European capital. Second period: European capital works in China with Chinese implements. China becomes a bad market for capitalists. Terrible reaction falls on European workmen. Third period: Chinese co-operative capital takes the place of European capital. China becomes impossible as a market for European capital and labour. Fourth period: Chinese economic activity, with Chinese capital and implements, seeks markets finally in Europe. Decline of the Western industrial States. But there is one hope for Germany. China must be instructed. Not, however, by Europeans according to European ideas, but by Chinamen in accordance with Chinese ideas; not in religion, literature, history, philosophy, and other fanciful topics of mental luxury, but something to grasp, something needful, such as geography and commercial science, agriculture, zoology, botany, mineralogy, mathematics, technical science, physics, and chemistry. It is such teaching that the Chinese require; let Germany supply them with teachers. . . . It is not field-marshals, not armies and fleets, not diplomats and priests but teachers who will conquer China, and they will do so peacefully and to the universal good."

THE P. AND O. COMPANY.

AN INTERESTING INTERVIEW.

Mr. J. M. Shields, one of the London managers of the P. and O. Company was interviewed at Fremantle the other day on his homeward trip. "He had," he said, "been in Australia for about four months. His visit had been principally for the purpose of studying the Federal legislation relating to shipping and of inquiring into the business of his firm in Australia. Regarding the imposition of duty on ships' stores, he said that the appeal of Captain Gadd against the decision of the Sydney court was now before the Privy Council. "Of course," added Mr. Shields, "if the Federal Government insist on the duty on ships' stores being paid the Australian public will have to suffer in increased fares. The imposition of duty will amount, we estimate, to about £10,000 a year."

"Yes. No fewer than seven twin-screw steamships of from 10,000 to 15,000 tons are at present in course of construction for the company, and when completed our fleet (including steam tenders and tugs) will number 93 vessels, representing a total tonnage of 374,544. Four of the new vessels are intended for the mail service, and their advent in Australian waters may be looked for at no distant date. The names selected for the new mail steamships are *Moldavia* and *Mongolia* of 10,000 tons and 14,000 effective horse power, and *Marmora* and *Macedonia* of 10,500 tons and 15,000 effective horse power."

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horse power. In addition to these mail steamers three cargo-carriers, each of 16,000 tons and 6,500 effective horse power, are being built. The names selected for the cargo steamers are *Pera*, *Palma*, and *Palmira*. When the whole of the above-mentioned ships are completed the fleet of the P. and O. Company will include 18 twin-screw vessels."

"Is the business of the company in Australia being maintained?"

"Owing to the drought, the Australian line has not paid for some years, and last year the loss was £50,000, not counting the subsidy. There has been no falling off in the passenger trade."

"Do you think your steamers will go on to Brisbane?"

"Well, that is entirely a matter for the British Post-office, but I do not think any change is likely to be made in the present service, at any rate for some time to come."

"Does your company propose to do away with Lascar crews?"

"No; I do not think my company has any intention of changing its crews, not even if it were to lose the mail contract, which I do not think is at all likely."

"Your company is at present constructing a number of new steamers?"

Auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
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HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [594c]

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Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [593d]

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Intimations.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2, Connaught Road, at NOON, TO-MORROW, the 20th May, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 30th April, 1903.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 20th May, both Days inclusive.
R. J. MACGOWAN,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1903. [598c]

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IMPORTERS, EXPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS.
THE Company'S OFFICES are established at Nos. 20 and 21, CONNAUGHT ROAD opposite DOUGLAS PIER.
Hongkong, 14th May, 1903. [543c]

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Grant.

Intimations.

WHOSE FAULT IS IT?
The world is full of disease and pain. Whose fault is it? Everybody's; therefore often the fault of the sufferers themselves. But the pressing question is,—what to do, how to relieve, how to cure. What would become of us if means were not found to destroy disease? Why, of the course, disease would destroy us and the world would be depopulated. Until we learn how to prevent disease, we must be thankful for the means of abating and curing it after it has seized upon us, and stand, like a savage with uplifted axe, ready to take our lives. Especially do we need some sure and speedy form of treatment for those complaints which are universal,—which arise in every country and climate, and ravage poor humanity at all seasons of the year. We allude to such ailments as Nervous and General Debility, Hysteria, Scrofula, Chronic Diarrhoea, Asthma, Throat and Lung Complaints, Blood Impurities, and the ills of women and children. For these

WANTOL'S PREPARATION comes as near to being an actual specific as any medicine yet discovered. It is palatable as honey and contains the nutritive and curative properties of Pure Cod Liver Oil, extracted by us from fresh cod livers, combined with the Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites and the Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry. You may almost say that it is *life itself* embodied in a single article made by human hands. Dr. J. L. Carrick says: "I have had remarkable success with it in the treatment of Consumption, Chronic Bronchitis, Catarrh and Scrofulous Affections. It is of special value in nervous prostration and depraved nutrition. It stimulates the appetite and the digestion, promotes assimilation, and enters directly into the circulation with the food. I consider it marvellous success in medicine." Every dose effective. "You cannot be disappointed in it." Sold by chemists here and throughout the world and A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.
MEMBERS are hereby notified that for their convenience the PLANS of the proposed New Buildings to be erected in the Jockey Club Enclosure are now on view in the Office of Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH, 8, Des Voeux Road Central.
In the event of any Member having a suggestion to make, it is hoped that he will do so, in writing, on or before NOON on SATURDAY NEXT, the 23rd instant, on which date the Plans will be removed.
By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [596c]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHT-EVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its Registration) will be held at the OFFICES of the Company on THURSDAY, the 28th instant, at ELEVEN o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1902.
The REGISTER OF SHARES will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 22nd instant, until SATURDAY, the 30th instant, Both Days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares will be registered.
By Order,
A. H. MANCELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1903. [598c]

THE ROBINSON PIANO Co., LTD.

BARGAINS IN PIANOS
RETURNED FROM HIRE
AND THE PROPERTY OF GENTLEMEN
LEAVING THE COLONY.

WERNER \$450
BORD 285
SCHIEDMEYER 250
NEEDHAM 380
DORNER 375
R. P. CO., LTD. 350
R. P. CO., LTD. 300
CHAPPELL 225
RONISCH 400
H. & MULLER (SEMI-GRAND) 350
RACHALS 700
and
SEVERAL OTHERS
all made for the Climate with full Iron Frames and in Good Order.
CASH or MONTHLY PAYMENTS.
Hongkong, 11th May, 1903. [595c]

Intimation.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

1, ICE HOUSE ROAD,
HONGKONG.

CABLE ADDRESS:—Telegraph, Hongkong.

THE leading English Newspaper in China. Also widely circulated in Japan, Ceylon, China, Ceylon, India and the Far East generally.

A daily newspaper with weekly edition published for despatch by the homeward mail. The daily is recommended as more generally suitable, except for subscribers in Europe or America.

A special feature is made of full and accurate reports of local occurrences, and of matters of general interest.

ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT.

The *Hongkong Telegraph* is the best medium for advertising in China. It circulates largely among all classes of the community, is the largest daily newspaper and has a wider circulation than any journal in the Far East.

Special attention given to effectively displaying advertisements.

The type used as a standard for setting advertisements is similar to this, unless we are instructed to display the advertisement, when any effective style of type will be adopted. This standard runs exactly eight lines to the inch, and about eight words to the line.

ADVERTISEMENT RATES.

	(per inch.)
One week.....	\$ 2.85
One month.....	7.20
Two months.....	13.00
Three ".....	20.00
Six ".....	37.50
Twelve ".....	73.00

No charge less than one dollar.

Discount allowed on—

3 Months Contracts.....	\$ per cent.
6 " " " " " " " "	10 " "
12 " " " " " " " "	25 " "

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

Notices of Births, Deaths, and Marriages. \$1 each insertion in the Daily and Weekly.

CONTRACT ADVERTISEMENTS.

Special Rates for standing advertisements can be ascertained from the Manager.

Advertisements for the Daily should reach the Hongkong Telegraph Office not later than noon of the day they are intended to appear.

Unless otherwise specified all advertisements will be repeated and charged for until countermanded.

JOBING DEPARTMENT.

Job Printing of all descriptions undertaken.

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PAMPHLETS,

CARDS,

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EXPRESSES.

All job printing is done under European supervision, well turned out, free from errors, and remarkably cheap at

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH OFFICE.

Estimates given for all classes of work on application to

THE MANAGER,

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH CO., LD.

1, ICE HOUSE ROAD,
HONGKONG.

Mails.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
KUMANO MARU	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKO-	WEDNESDAY, 20th May, at
E. W. Haswell	HAMA	Noon.
KASUGA MARU	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via	WEDNESDAY, 20th May, at
W. Scott Hunter	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE	4 P.M.
BINGO MARU	and BRISBANE	
F. Davis	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 21st May, at
IDZUMI MARU		Daylight.
M. Yagi		FRIDAY, 22nd May, at
KANAGAWA MARU	KOBE	Noon.
J. McKenzie	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANT-	SATURDAY, 30th May, at
AKI MARU	WERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG,	Daylight.
J. W. Ekstrand	COLOMBO and PORT SAID	
KAGOSHIMA MARU	VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE,	TUESDAY, 2nd June, at
K. Kori	U.S.A., via SHANGHAI, MOJI,	4 P.M.
	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	
	BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE and	TUESDAY, 2nd June, at
	COLOMBO	Noon.

* Through Passenger Tickets issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers. Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Moji and Kobe, 1st and 2nd Class Through Passengers have the Option of Travelling by the Sanyo Railway.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Building, 1st Floor, Chester Road.

A. S. MIHARA,

Manager.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1903.



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND
LONDON.
(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERAK, CUL, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN and SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.)
THE Steamship

"BENGAL"
Captain A. L. Valentini, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY on SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.
Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France and Tees for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer, proceeding direct to Marseilles and London other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with Transshipment.
Parcels will be received at this Office until 5 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.
Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.
For further Particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 9th May, 1903.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

BOSTON TOW-BOAT COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA, FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

Steamers.	Tons.	Captains.	1903.
Victoria	3,502	J. Panton	May 23
Skamnet	2,606	W. M. Smith	May 30
Olympia	2,847	J. Truebridge	June 24
Tacoma	2,812	A. Dixon	July 6

Steamers marked (*) have no passenger accommodation.
The attention of passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this line to the Pacific Coast and to the Interior and Eastern Cities of the United States and to Europe.
Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.
Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and to the Principal Cities in the United States and Canada.
For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 11th May, 1903. [594d]

Hotel.

KING EDWARD HOTEL.

A HIGH CLASS PRIVATE HOTEL.

LADIES' AFTERNOON TEA ROOMS.

PRIVATE BAR

AND

BILLIARD ROOMS.

Hot and Cold Water throughout.

Electrically Lighted.

Electric Passenger Elevator to each Floor.

Table D'Hotel at Separate Tables.

For Terms, &c., apply to the
MANAGER.
Hongkong, 29th October, 1902. [511c]

CHINA COMMERCIAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

司公限有船輪華中

FOR MOI, KOBE, MANZANILLO, MEXICO & SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Steamship

"LOTHIAN"

Captain Williamson, will be despatched for the

above Ports on THURSDAY, the 21st May, at

Noon.

For Freight, apply at the Company's Office,

35, Queen's Road Central, 1st Floor.

J. S. VAN BUREN,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1903. [435c]

Insurance.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Under-signed AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEGMUND & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [45]

To be Let.

TO LET.

"THE RETREAT"—MOUNT KELLET.

HOUSES in LEIGHTON HILL ROAD.

FLATS in MORETON TERRACE, CAUSEWAY BAY, facing the Polo Ground.

No. 1, RIFLE TERRACE.

GODOWNS at BOWRINGTON, Praya East.

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1903. [220c]

TO LET.

No. 3, STEWART TERRACE, THE PEAK.

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1903. [442c]

GODOWNS TO LET.

PRAYA EAST, Spacious, Two-storied and Single-storied Godowns. Suitable for Van or Cattle. Also Land for Coal Storage.

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1903. [397c]

TO LET.

TWO SPACIOUS GODOWNS—Nos. 95 and 96, PRAYA EAST.

Apply to—

H. N. MODY,

Victoria Buildings.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1903. [1322d]

TO LET.

SEVERAL NEWLY BUILT EUROPEAN HOUSES in LEIGHTON HILL ROAD.

Apply to

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON LAND & LOAN CO., LD.

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For Nervous Exhaustion

CHAPOTEAUT'S

Phosphoglycerate

OF LIME

The modern restoration of the nervous system.

For neurasthenia, prostration, and in all cases of nervous origin and character.

It is readily assimilated and promotes digestion.

PHOSPHOGYNERATE SYRUP (CHAPOTEAUT)

PHOSPHOGYNERATE WINE (CHAPOTEAUT)

PHOSPHOGYNERATE CAPSULES (CHAPOTEAUT)

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Intimations.
A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.
WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1811.

SHERRY.

B. SUPERIOR PALE DRY,
Dinner Wine, Green Seal
Capsule \$12.00 1.00
C. MANZANILLA, PALE
NATURAL SHERRY,
White Capsule 13.50 1.20
CC. SUPERIOR OLD DRY,
PALE NATURAL
SHERRY, Red Seal
Capsule 16.00 1.40

D. VERY SUPERIOR OLD
PALE DRY, Choice Old
Wine, White Seal Capsule 18.00 1.50
E. EXTRASUPERIOR OLD
PALE DRY, Very Finest
Quality (old bottled),
Black Seal Capsule... .. 27.00 2.25

B, C, and CC are excellent Dinner Wines,
D and E are After-Dinner Wines of a
very fine Vintage.

GUARANTEED SUPERIOR XERES
WINES.

The following Wines, bottled in Europe,
have been specially selected, and procured
from the celebrated firm of Messrs. Geo.
G. SANDERMAN, Sons & Co., of London,
Oporto and Xeres:—

LIGHT DRY Per doz. Per bot.
\$16.50 \$1.40
SOLERA 24.00 2.00
VERY PALE DRY 24.00 2.00
FULL GOLDEN 27.00 2.25
PALE DRY NUTTY... .. 30.00 2.50
FINE OLD BROWN 40.00 3.50

MADEIRA.

GOOD Per doz. Per bot.
\$16.50 \$1.40
FINE 27.00 2.25

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LIMITED,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

TELEPHONE NO. 216.
CABLE ADDRESS: "ACHIEVE," HONGKONG.
A. B. C. CODE, 4TH EDITION.

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祥利廣

17A, QUEEN'S ROAD.

FURNITURE
DEALERS.

DRAWING-ROOM,
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and BED-ROOM
FURNITURE.

ELECTRO-PLATED,
GLASS, and
CHINA WARES.
PASTEUR'S MICROBE-PROOF
FILTERS,
ROCHESTER LAMPS,
WHITE TURKISH TOWELS,
COUNTERPANES,
COOKING RANGES,
KITCHEN UTENSILS, and
HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES.

PHOTOGRAPHIC
DEPARTMENT.

DEVELOPING and PRINTING
UNDERTAKEN for AMATEURS.
GOOD WORK.

PROMPT RETURN.

Hongkong, 8th July, 1902. [728d]

CARMICHAEL AND
CLARKE,

CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND
SHIPBUILDERS,
SURVEYORS AND CONTRACTORS.

REPAIRS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

TELEGRAMS: "CARMICHAEL," Hongkong.
A. B. C. Code, 4th Edition.
A. R. Code, 12th Edition.
Liebner's Standard Code.

TELEPHONE: 232.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1903. [1355d]

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MARRIAGE.
On May 12th, at the Cathedral of the Good
Shepherd, Singapore, the Rev. Father Rivet,
Vicar, officiating, EDWARD ALEXANDER MOR-
PHY, son of the late Alexander George Morphy,
Esq., of Killarney, to ANNIE RUTH, eldest
daughter of J. T. Lloyd, Esq., Singapore.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1903.

THE PLAGUE RETURN.

The plague figures of the Colony continue
to show the slight tendency to rise which
has been visible during the past few weeks,
but compared with previous statistics on
the subject the present returns are not above
the average. From January to the end of
June plague cases are more numerous than
in the second half of the year, and we find on
reference to Dr. Simpson's report that for the
first six months of 1896 there were 1,116 cases
or 92 per cent. of the total number that year,
while in 1898 there were 1,312 or 99 per
cent.; in 1899, 1,072 or 72 per cent.; in 1900,
764 or 70 per cent.; in 1901, 1,487 or 90 per
cent. and during the same period last year
382 or 67 per cent. The disease reaches its
maximum in the months of May and June,
so when it is considered that the total
number of cases to date is 701 it will
be seen that, although there is a very con-
siderable increase in the number as com-
pared with the figures for last year, the
returns are not above the average. The
number of cases last week was 117 out of
which 99 ended fatally. Compared with
previous weeks this year the numbers are
the highest yet reached for any seven
days. For the week ended 11th April,
there were 25 cases and 22 deaths, followed
during the next seven days by 51 and 47,
respectively, while for a similar period closing
on the 25th ult. there were 79 cases and
77 deaths. The ensuing seven days brought
another steady increase, 95 cases and 83
deaths being recorded, and although for the
week ended 2nd inst. there was a small rise
to 98, 85 the returns just to hand give the
number of cases as 117 with a total mortality
from the disease of 99. At noon on Satur-
day the total cases from the 1st January was
656 and the total deaths during the same
period 614. The three days ended at noon
to-day contribute an additional 45 cases
and 25 deaths swelling the totals since the
beginning of the year to 701 cases and 639
deaths.

FRANCE AND SIAM.

The opinion prevalent generally that the
important Convention of the 7th October
last between France and Siam is at an end
since ratification in Paris has been delayed
beyond the time fixed is said to be quite
erroneous, and that on the contrary, M.
Delessé is confident of obtaining the
ratification from the Chambers without any
alteration in the terms of the instrument.
The delay is caused by the desire of the
authorities in French Indo-China to receive
Siamese co-operation in the great scheme
of railways devised during M. Doumer's
governorship. Siam has decided on several
lines of railway, and the French are anxious
that the extension to Mekong of the line
already opened as far as Korat should take
precedence of the others, so as to meet a
line projected by the French from Hué, the
capital of Annam, to the Mekong. The
Siamese are asked to agree to continue the
Korat line to Bassac, and thence up the
right bank of the Mekong, or to grant a
concession to French financiers to do so.
The Siamese position is that such a line
would be useless to them, whatever ad-
vantage it might be to the French posses-
sions, and they are unwilling to see a
French railway come down so close to
Bangkok as Korat. The French, in fact,
want a line constructed by Siam which
would aid in the economic development of
French Indo-China. The Siamese object
to spending their money on a line that
would be unremunerative to them while
there are so many lines which are urgently
needed for their own development—
especially that running due north of the
Mekong Valley. The French demands are
really put forward by M. Beau, the new
Governor-General, and are supported by
the advanced Colonial party at home.
Nevertheless, M. Delessé is confident of
carrying through his Convention, which is
invaluable for the future peaceful develop-
ment of Indo-China as well as of Siam.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

DURING "chin chin joss" at a temple, 50
southwest of Ploegru city, over 150 people were
burned to death.

Watch C. E. LeMunyon's announcement in
this paper.—*Adv.*

THE *Temple* reports that Bishop Anzer has
been recalled from China. In official quarters
in Berlin the report is contradicted.

THE *Yih Jih* affirms that the Russians in New-
chwang are being making very strict quar-
antine regulations there in the hope, as they
know the Chinese objection to it, of diverting
Chinese steamers to Dalny. This seems to us
a very far-fetched idea.

MADRID, the "irreconcilable," the "leader," the
"brains" and backbone and sinew of Agui-
naldo's insurrectionary government, passed away
at his home in Manila, says the *Cablenews*, late
Wednesday evening as the result of cholera.

THE N.Y.K.S. *Nigata Maru*, 2,100 tons, was
successfully launched from the Mitsui Bishi
Co.'s Dockyard at Nagasaki on the 9th. She
is destined to run on the Bombay line. It was
mentioned in a speech that the N.Y.K. and
M. B. Co. had paid the Dockyard Co. for
repairs up to the present time yen 1,000,000.

TUNG HOI, a native, charged on remand, with
stealing a chop, value 50 cents, and a tally
book, value \$40, on the 23rd January, at Sha-
kwan, and also by means of false pretences
defrauding a native junk master of the sum of
\$150, was again taken before Mr. F. A. Haz-
land this morning. He was committed for
trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

MR. E. A. Morphy, editor of the *Straits Times*,
was married on the 12th inst. to Miss Annie
Ruth Lloyd, the eldest daughter of Mr. J. T.
Lloyd, an old and much respected resident of
Singapore. The wedding was private, but that
will not prevent the many friends of the bride
and bridegroom offering their heartiest con-
gratulations to the newly married couple.

Keep your eyes open for C. E. LeMunyon's
locals.—*Adv.*

A SERIOUS outbreak of beri-beri having occurred
in the Police Station cells, Shanghai, par-
ticularly at the Hongkew Station, it was decided
to apply at the Mixed Court for the release of a
number of short-sentence prisoners convicted
of minor offences. By this means pending the
occupation of the Gaoi, the present overcrowded
condition of the cells would be alleviated.

THE suicide is reported of petty officer Edward
Gray of U.S. Monitor *Monadnock* which occurred
on the 12th inst. at a house in Miller Road.
The deceased shot himself two inches below
the heart and although Detective Sergeants
McDowell and Kingston were quickly on the
scene and Dr. McLeod ordered the unfortunate
man's removal to the General Hospital he
expired ere he reached it.

H. E. Tien Chun-hsuen, Viceroy-designate of
the Two Kwang provinces, according to a
Chêngtu telegram, handed over the seals of the
Szechuan viceroyalty at one o'clock on the
morning of the 12th inst. to H. E. Ch'ien Ch'ung,
recently raised from the Provincial Judgeship
to that of the Provincial Treasurer, and made
Acting Viceroy *ad interim*. Viceroy Tsen,
continues the telegram, after handing over the
seals left on the afternoon of the same day for
the south, travelling by boat.

THE Colonial Secretary informs us that in con-
sequence of the prevalence of plague in Hong-
kong Labuan has declared it to be an infected
port, and all vessels arriving from Hongkong
will be put in quarantine and there detained
for nine days from the date of the last case on
board or from the date of sailing from that port
if no disease has manifested itself on board,
provided that in all cases the Health Officer
may in his discretion release such vessel from
quarantine before the expiry of that period.
Vessels arriving in Labuan are liable to medical
inspection.

Keep track of C. E. LeMunyon's locals.—*Adv.*

A MEETING of the Justices of the Peace was
held this afternoon at the Magistracy to
consider an application from Mr. Hosnaji Ru-
tunjee for the transfer of his publican's licence
to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the
premises situate at Nos. 40 to 44, Elgin Road,
Kowloon, under the sign of "The Occidental
Hotel" to one Mr. James D. M. Cameron.
Mr. F. A. Hazland presided, and there were
also present Captain Lyons, Acting Captain
Superintendent of Police, Messrs. J. F. Kemp,
B. C. Craig and C. D. Melbourne. There
being no police objections, the application
was unanimously granted.

ITEMS from the *Peking and Tientsin Times* to
the 9th inst. are as follows:—The students of
the Peking University have been invited to
write freely essays on the question whether
China should side with Russia against Japan
or vice versa. Native notes marked 20% silver
80% copper were placed in circulation on the
3rd. The Empress Dowager has invited foreign
ladies to bring their cameras at her next recep-
tion and use them freely. A collision case
brought by the Russian Government against
the Taku Tug and Lighter Co. was heard in
Tientsin last week before Acting Chief Justice
Bourne with Capt. Pratt of H.M.S. *Britomart*
as Assessor. Judgment was reserved. *Impartial*
says that the Empress Dowager
has quite made up her mind to reject Russia's
demands.

C. E. LeMunyon has an announcement to
make to you, very shortly, watch for it.—*Adv.*

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Watch for C. E. LeMunyon's locals in this
paper in a few days.—*Adv.*

THE finish of the Cadogan Cup competition in
connection with the Hongkong Gun Club will
be shot off on the first fine Wednesday or
Saturday.

It is reported that certain of the ladies of
Penang are considering the advisability of
starting a Rifle Association to compete with
the existing Association in Taiping.

A COMMITTEE of the House of Representatives,
in a report on a bill regulating the sale of
opium, says that the habit of smoking opium
is making rapid strides among the native
Hawaiians and that thousands of Hawaiians
have become addicted to the habit.

MR. A. L. B. Davis, a purchasing agent for the
Government of the Philippines, is now in
China, whether he has been despatched for the
purpose of purchasing 10,000 bullocks to be
sold by the Government at cost prices to the
Filipinos, their cattle having nearly all been
destroyed by the rinderpest.

THE captain of the collier *Monmouthshire*
which arrived at Singapore on 10th inst. from
Kuching reported that on May 4 at 0.15 a.m.
in Lat 4° 44' N and Long 105° 45' E he
sighted a black painted barque with her fore-
and main top-masts gone. She was bound
north and did not signal the *Monmouthshire*.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the members
of the Hongkong General Chamber of Com-
merce was held at the Chamber Room, City
Hall, at 3.30 p.m. to-day for the purpose of
receiving the report and accounts for the year
ended 31st December last; pass the proposed
new rules and bye-laws and to revise the scale
of commissions and brokerages.

The annual report was published in the
Hongkong Telegraph on Friday last.

Mr. E. A. Hewett presided. There were
present the Hon. C. W. Dickinson, Hon. R.
Shewan, Messrs. R. C. Wilcox, A. Shelton
Hooper, J. Gossman, H. E. Tomkins, O. J.
Ellis, C. Michelau, J. R. M. Smith, W. M.
Watson, G. H. Medhurst, F. D. Setna, E. W.
Mitchell, W. R. Raymond, K. D. Mistry, J. R.
Michael, W. D. Graham, G. Champeaux, T.
Hodsmann, N. A. Siebs, T. F. Hough, G. Mayer,
J. H. Lewis, D. P. Law, A. G. Gordon, T.
Cockrane, M. Stewart, I. R. Taylor, H.
Schubart, W. S. Bailey, Chan Hewan, A.
Beattie, C. R. Scott, and A. J. Lowe, (Secretary).

After the notice convening the meeting had
been read, and the minutes of previous meet-
ings confirmed,

The Chairman said:—The report and ac-
counts of the Chamber of Commerce for 1902
have now been before you for some days and
with your permission therefore we will take
them as read. Before asking you to pass the
report and accounts I will as is usual make a
few remarks with regard to the more important
matters which have transpired since our last
annual meeting. The year under review has
been a busy one so far as the Chamber has
been concerned and a number of important
questions have been dealt with as re-
ference to the published correspondence
contained in the report will show. In
addition, the year 1902 will always stand out
prominently in our history as it has seen the
Coronation of our gracious ruler His Majesty
King Edward VII. We joined with the whole
Empire in the grief which was felt at his sud-
den and dangerous illness, together we
rejoiced at his complete recovery and it was
with feelings of thankfulness as well as of joy
that we all joined in celebrating this important
event. Our relations with China have during
the year we trust taken another long step
forward by the signing at Shanghai on the 5th
September of the Treaty prepared by the
Special Commissioner Sir James Mackay. Al-
though like all questions of this sort we can-
not hope to find an unanimous expression of
approval given by all concerned still if this
treaty comes into force and its terms are
loyally carried out by the Chinese Officials it
cannot but prove of great and lasting benefit
to China and those other powers engaged in
trade with her, thus materially advancing the
prosperity of this Colony. We have not as yet
heard that the terms of the Shanghai treaty
have been accepted by any of the other treaty
powers, but as we know negotiations are now
being carried on which we hope may result in
a satisfactory agreement being arrived at be-
tween the various Governments concerned in
the matter. On the 1st November last a new
provisional specific tariff was brought into
force by the Imperial Chinese Maritime
Customs as provided for under the terms of
the Peace Protocol of 1901; and this has I be-
lieve up to the present in the main worked
satisfactorily. Turning to matters more im-
mediately concerning Hongkong you will see
that many questions relating to our trade and
general welfare have been dealt with in our
correspondence with the Colonial Government.
In some matters the Government has met our
requests to the full. I wish I could add that
this were the case on all points submitted. The
question of employees and servants which, as
you are aware, has been the cause of much in-
convenience to residents here in the past has
been satisfactorily settled by a recent ordi-
nance, which renders all servants on monthly
pay leaving their employers without due notice
liable to fines or imprisonment. The question
of Chinese stowaways in British ships to Manila
has also been considered and a bill is now
before the Legislative Council which when
passed will we confidently hope put a stop to a
state of affairs which while serious enough for
the ship-owners engaged in the trade might
if allowed to continue lead to the weaken-
ing of our friendly relations, which it is

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so important should continue between the
Government of Hongkong and that of the
Philippines. In one or two other questions
we have not, I regret to say, been equally for-
tunate in securing the desired support of the
Government. In a letter dated 25th April, 1902,
addressed to the Honourable the Colonial Sec-
retary you will find a report of a claim brought
by a junk owner against a British shipping
firm. Your Committee fully endorse the argu-
ment put forward by the owners of the steamer
concerned that such speculative actions should
be discouraged and that in similar cases the
junk owner should be required to provide full
security for the costs of the defendants should
the latter win their case and also that all
such actions should be brought within a
reasonable time. Your Committee much re-
gret to find the local Government opposed
to such proposals and intend to again
take up the question. Another matter in
which we find ourselves at variance with the
Government is the very important one of the
licensing of pilots. The facts are fully stated
in the reports dated 10th June and 6th Septem-
ber drawn up by a Sub-Committee of the
Chamber specially appointed for the purpose.
The Committee are quite unable to follow the
arguments against the adoption of their sugges-
tions as put forward by the Government
Officials, more particularly when we re-
member that the Government has some
time past made the licensing of all steamers
and engineers of small steam vessels
plying in the harbour compulsory. It is
needless to go further into detail as in a
centre of business such as this Colony, which
so largely consists of the shipping trade, most
of you are more or less connected with, or
interested in, shipping, and the Committee feel
confident that in this matter they can rely
upon your cordial support when, as they intend
to do, they again take up this question. The
question of absconding Chinese debtors has
been brought to the notice of the Committee
who regret that, in this matter, they find them-
selves in disagreement with the British Consul
General at Canton in his reading of Article
XXIII of the Tientsin Treaty. The Committee
propose to go further into this question at an
early date. The undue advantage which
certain junks have obtained in the Canton
trade by flying foreign flags has been repre-
sented to the Home Government, and we trust
that before long a satisfactory solution will
be found for dealing with what we cannot
but consider is an improper use of foreign flags
in Chinese waters. During the past year the
Canton Viceroy has endeavoured in several
directions to increase his revenue by illegal ex-
actions on foreign trade, notable on opium and
yarn. Thanks chiefly to the firm attitude taken
by the British Consul General at Canton these
queer notions have now been satisfactorily dis-
posed of and your Committee are glad to have this
opportunity for acknowledging the courteous
consideration they have always received at the
hands of Mr. Jones Scott and their high ap-
preciation for the ability and energy he has
displayed in protecting and fostering our trade in
his district (Applause). It is also fitting that
we should acknowledge the manner in which the
British Minister, Sir E. Satow, has dealt with
these matters when laid before him (Applause).
Considerable attention has been devoted to a
scheme for improving the system of storm
warnings in order to ensure a more effectual
and prompt supply of weather forecasts to
vessels on the point of sailing. I am glad to
be able to report that we understand the Gov-
ernment has decided to grant what we ask and
it is hoped the new system will be brought into
force at an early date. This is more than ever
necessary as the typhoon season is now ap-
proaching. During the past year your Com-
mittee have carried on some further correspon-
dence with the Joint Telegraph Companies on
the question of their rates, and we can only
express our extreme dissatisfaction with the
attitude taken up by these Companies. Bearing
in mind the fact that rates from India have been
reduced and a reduction of over 20% has been
given the Straits we must protest against the
Telegraph Companies taking advantage of a
monopoly which they unfortunately possess in
regard to landing rights for lines from the
South thus maintaining, so far as this Colony
is concerned, their charges at what we cannot but
consider an undue figure. The only change
which has been accorded us after our represen-
tations on the subject has been that the local
rates in currency have been increased to meet
the depreciation in silver. During the year 1902
the health of the Colony was more satisfactory
than has been the case for some years past,
but unfortunately since the closing of this report
an outbreak of bubonic plague has taken place
more serious than that of last year. A most
important measure known as the Public Health
and Buildings Bill has now been brought into
force and this coupled with the more adequate
water supply which we trust to secure within a
measurable distance of time cannot fail to have
a very marked effect upon the general health
of the Colony and will, we trust, put an end to
these recurrent epidemics of plague which have
at intervals during the past ten years so seri-
ously affected our free intercourse with surround-
ing countries and cost us so heavily not only in
life but also financially. All information at our
disposal points to the fact that the foreign trade
of China is steadily advancing. The Empire
if properly administered can easily meet all its
foreign obligations and we consider therefore
there is not the slightest justification for the
demand which we understand has been put
forward for the payment of Customs duties to
be made in gold. I have now to refer
to the several changes which have taken
place in the representatives of the Chamber.
Our late Chairman, Sir T. Jackson, hav-
ing left shortly after our last annual meet-
ing his place was filled by Mr. G. S. Sharp, while
the Vice-Chairmanship was taken by Mr. Pon-
te. To both these gentlemen the Chamber is much
indebted for valuable services rendered, and I
would specially refer to those of Mr. Sharp.

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who, while having many other calls upon his
time devoted much attention to furthering the
interests represented by this Chamber (Ap-
plause). Mr. Whitehead, who for so many years,
has represented the Chamber in the Legislative
Council has unfortunately left the Colony, and
I feel sure the members will all cordially en-
dorse the appreciation of his services which,
at the time, were expressed by the Chairman.
(Applause) Mr. Whitehead has now been suc-
ceeded by Mr. Shewan in whose hands we feel
our interests are well placed (Applause). I
much regret that it is my unpleasant duty to
refer to an entry in the accounts with regard to
certain defalcations of one of our clerks. The
form in which the accounts are now rendered
and other steps which have been taken by the
Secretary as to the method of collecting sub-
scriptions will, I believe, make it impossible in
the future for a similar occurrence. The
auditors have informed me that they are now
satisfied with the manner in which the books
are kept. For some time past it has been felt
that the rules of the Chamber which were
drawn up 30 years ago should be revised and
brought up to date. This has now been done
and you will be asked in a later resolution to
consider, and, if approved of, to pass these
new rules. Since the closing of
the report other questions have arisen
and it appears desirable that I should
refer to those requiring special attention. The
all-important currency question has during the
past year received the earnest attention of the
Committee who, however, could not see a way
to making any recommendation on the sub-
ject although we realized the many disabilities
experienced in the course of our business by
an unstable and steadily declining value of
silver. A largely attended meeting of the
Chamber was held on the 18th February at the
request of certain members when a great
deal of data bearing on the question was placed
before the Chamber. The resolution then
passed asked the Government to extend the
Straits Currency Commission to Hongkong.
This resolution was in due course handed to
the Government and has, we understand, been
forwarded to the Secretary of State for the
Colonies. There the question now rests, but
no doubt more will be heard anon. Public
attention has recently been again directed
towards the position of the proposed new
Admiralty dock which it is generally considered
will if completed seriously interfere with the
future development of this town. A petition
which has been signed by most of the members
of this Chamber has already been sent to the
Secretary of State praying that a Royal Com-
mission be appointed to report on the matter.
The question being of such universal impor-
tance it was dealt with by a Committee drawn
from all sections of the Community, but it is so
closely related to the business progress of our
town it appears to me fitting that, as we hope
a full inquiry will be held later on, this meet-
ing of the Chamber of Commerce as such
endorse the movement having in view a re-
moval of the Dock to another site (Applause).
I take that to mean the Chamber of Commerce
does endorse that petition, and I will con-
sequently ask the gentlemen of the Press to
note that in the report of this meeting.
The proposed compulsory adoption of the
official vocabulary for telegraphic use has
again been before your Committee. As you
are no doubt aware the new vocabulary has
been much enlarged and now contains over
one million words. Recently a communica-
tion has been received from the New York
Chamber of Commerce asking our assistance
in supporting their protest against the com-
pulsory adoption of this vocabulary. The Com-
mittee, following in the steps of their predeces-
sors, are unanimous in endorsing this protest and
last week therefore a telegram was despatched
to the London Chamber of Commerce ask-
ing them to request the Post Office officials
to place our protest before the International
meeting of the Telegraph Companies which
we understand is to be held in London on the
16th May. From an examination of this pro-
posed vocabulary it would appear that if
forced upon us many, possibly most, of the
telegraph codes now in use throughout the
world will have to be largely revised and in
most cases reprinted. We consider that the
advantages which the adoption of this voca-
bulary offers does not justify the trouble and
enormous expense which would thus be
entailed on business firms all over the world
were the use of

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

LONDON, 17th May.

The Near East.

The Turkish troops while advancing on Ipek, an Albanian stronghold, were attacked by the Albanians and many were killed and wounded on both sides. The inhabitants of Ipek have submitted but many Albanians still hold the mountains.

(N. C. D. News.)

The P and O. Mail Contract.

LONDON, 12th May.

In the discussion of the Post Office vote in the House of Commons, Mr. James Caldwell (Liberal, Lanarkshire) severely criticised the P. & O. mail service.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Postmaster-General, said that notice had been given to terminate the existing contract.

The Opening of the Diet.

TOKYO, 12th May.

Today the Emperor in person opened the Diet. His speech was a short one. He merely noted that the General Budget was compiled on the same lines as last year, but the Ministry were instructed to present a Supplementary Budget and projects of law, essential to the completion of the national defence, and the promotion of the prosperity of the country.

He urged the members of the Diet to discharge their duty carefully and harmoniously.

(Shanghai Mercury.)

Suicide at Taku.

TIENTSIN, 13th May.

Captain Hurst, a well-known Taku pilot, has committed suicide.

Death of a Captain.

Captain Davis died at the Tientsin Hospital. [We conclude that Capt. Davis is a military man, as there is no captain of steamer by that name.—Ed. S. M.]

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The case in which the four men were charged with alleged manslaughter at Jardine's pier was concluded yesterday evening. The jury, after an absence of three minutes, returned a verdict of guilty by a majority of five to two, but unanimously recommended prisoners to mercy. The Judge quite concurred with the view of the jury and taking into consideration the fact that prisoners had been in custody for the last six weeks, sentenced them to be confined with hard labour, until the Court rose.

The Sessions were resumed this morning before Acting Chief Justice when Fong Kau, a Chinese police constable, was charged with manslaughter on Ou Tow New Territory on the 20th March. Prisoner pleaded not guilty and was undefended. Mr. E. H. Sharp, Acting Attorney General, instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, of Messrs. Denny and Bowley, prosecuted on behalf of the Crown. The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. F. Smyth, P. Hardman, D. H. Cameron, G. Sole, H. A. Lammert, E. W. Tilben and W. Clark.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty and prisoner was sentenced to one month's imprisonment without hard labour.

REDUCTION OF SENTENCE.

The native woman, Wong Ping, who was sentenced yesterday to three years' imprisonment for arson in connection with a fire at No. 205, Queen's Road West, was brought before the Acting Chief Justice this morning, when he reduced the sentence to six months.

WRITING on forgeries the *Japan Mail* says that there is a regular manufacture of them in Japan, and the men who make them are such experts that their work is very often technically and artistically superior to any genuine example of the wares they simulate.

THE PLAGUE.

During the twenty-four hours ended at noon to-day 23 further cases of bubonic plague, making 701 since January 1st, were reported. Seventeen of the cases were fatal.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUE.

American (*Hongkong Maru*) to-morrow.
Indian (*Kunsum*) 21st inst.
English (*Chusan*) 22nd inst.
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 29th inst.
Indian (*Namsang*) 2nd prox.
Australian (*Chingtu*) 5th prox.
German (*Preussen*) 13th prox.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Hongkong Maru* with mails, etc., left Shanghai for this port to-day at daylight.

The N. G. I. s.s. *Capri* left Bombay for this port yesterday, and may be expected here on or about the 4th prox.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Canton* will leave for Yokohama via Shanghai, Moji and Kobe at 2 p.m. to-day.

The I. C. S. N. s.s. *Namsang* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on 17th inst., and may be expected here on or about 2nd prox.

The C. P. R. s.s. *Empress of China* arrived at Yokohama 6 p.m., 18th inst., and left at 9 a.m. Tuesday for Kobe where she is due at 9 a.m., 20th inst.

The C. P. R. s.s. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Nagasaki 6.30 p.m., 18th inst., and leaves at 5 p.m. Tuesday for Kobe where she is due at 9 a.m., 20th inst.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Siberia* with mails, etc., which left hence on 18th ult., for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu, arrived at her destination on 15th inst.

ASK for ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Girault.

COLLAPSE AT CONNAUGHT ROAD.

MAN INJURED.

At about half-past eight this morning, the party wall between Nos 126 and 127, Connaught Road, Central, the scene of the late fire, suddenly collapsed, fortunately without fatal results. There were two marine store dealers on the premises at the time, and one of them was unfortunate enough to be buried by the falling masonry, while the other escaped. The police were immediately notified, and after working at the debris for about three hours rescued the man. An ambulance was procured and he was sent to the Government Civil Hospital, where it was found that his injuries are very slight. The collapse was brought about by water soaking into the cement and bricks.

NAVAL DEMONSTRATION AGAINST RUSSIA.

The *Shanghai Times* of the 13th inst. says:—The Times was informed late last night from a reliable source that the most business-like preparations are now under way, both here and elsewhere in Chinese and Japanese waters, for a naval demonstration against the further occupancy of Manchuria by the Russians.

This naval demonstration will be an formidable one, so overwhelming that Russia will immediately evacuate Manchuria.

The information states that not later than the 10th of next month there will assemble in the north a full representation of warships from the fleets of America, Great Britain and Japan.

The place of assembly remains a secret, but it is understood that it will be Chefoo.

As immediately as it will be possible to do so, a final ultimatum demand will be made on Russia to evacuate, and if it is not complied with the commanders of the expedition are instructed as what course to pursue.

In substantiation of this story orders have been received by the commander of the *Manadock*, Captain Mahan, to proceed on June 7 to Chefoo. The *Vicksburg* has received similar order.

The American fleet in Chinese and Japanese waters comprises the following: Battleships *Kentucky* and *Oregon*; Monitors *Monterey* and *Manadock*; Gunboats, *Wilmington*, *Helen* and *Yorktown*.

In the issue of the 14th inst. the *Times* point out that there is great activity aboard of American and British warships, and says the commanders have received instructions to advance on Russia, at least to enter Russian waters.

ALARMING REPORTS FROM JAPAN.

WARLIKE MEASURES.

The sensational Tokyo paper *Niroku* (the *Daily Mail* of Tokyo) which, however, being above all consideration frequently lets out the truth while other papers are obliged to suppress or tone it down prints in its issue of the 9th the following statements in large type.

Regarding the Manchurian question the Japanese Government took up a strong policy so as to ensure the progress of the Japanese mission there and issued warnings to both China and Russia after due consultation with Great Britain.

Now Russia having sent her soldiers to Korea on the pretext of protecting timber-cutting operations the Japanese Government could not continue to calmly view the position as before and has sent to the Commander of one Regiment and two of the naval vessels certain secret orders.

The British Government has sent the Japanese Government the following notes.

1.—Great Britain will endeavor to do her utmost to cause it becomes necessary to give effect to articles 2 and 3 of the Anglo-Japanese Convention signed on the 30th January, 1902.

2.—In case of necessity, the army in India and the troops in the Straits Settlements will be utilized according to the circumstances of the case.

3.—Should Japan be in want of funds by reason of war Great Britain will assist her in every possible way.

4.—In all matters where questions of maritime defence or operations require consultation between the two powers Japan will confer with the Commander-in-Chief of the British Far Eastern Squadron.

JAPANESE MINING ENTERPRISE IN SOUTH CHINA.

Mr. Dogura of Yamato, who entered into a contract with Director General Sheng to work Ichien colliery in South China, about a year ago, has now made public the result of his survey and investigations. It is pointed out that the conclusions arrived at by the Japanese engineers are quite different to those reached by the British and American surveyors. The area of the field was found to be much larger than it was expected. The quality of the coal is said to be pretty good; but it is recognised that it would be rather risky to sink a large amount of capital in the present state of some other (probably political) reasons. It has therefore been arranged between Mr. Dogura and the Chinese authorities to defer operations for a time, all rights to work the mine on joint account being meanwhile reserved.

THE LAUNCH OF THE "MINNESOTA."

The first of Mr. Jas. J. Hill's mammoth steamers for the trade between Seattle and the Far East was launched at New London, Conn., U.S.A., on the 16th of April. She is far the largest freight-carrier afloat. As she started down the ways she was christened *Minnesota* by Miss Clara Hill, daughter of Mr. Jas. J. Hill, the famous President of the Great Northern Railway Co. Some description of these monster ships and the circumstances of their building has already been given in our columns. They are four-masted twin-screw steamers with one funnel, and three tiers of deck-houses between the main and mizzen masts. Their dead-weight carrying capacity is 28,000 tons, while that of the *Cedric*, the largest freight-carrier on the Atlantic, is under 19,000 tons. The *Minnesota* has a cargo space of 31,652 tons of 40 cubic feet, and her tonnage displacement is 35,000. She is 630 feet long, 73 feet 6 inches wide, and has a moulded depth of nearly 56 feet. She has five continuous steel decks, and four short decks. While primarily a cargo vessel, she has luxurious accommodation for 172 first-class passengers, 110 second-class, 68 third-class, and 2,424 steerage passengers or troops, in addition to a crew of 250. Her speed is 14 knots, and she is expected to make a steady 22 knots fully loaded; in any weather. The *Minnesota's* sister-ship, the *Dakota*, was to be ready for launching about ten weeks after the *Minnesota*.

THE MEETING OF PROPERTY OWNERS.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

THE MEETING OF PROPERTY OWNERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH".
SIR,—I regret that there appears to have been some misunderstanding concerning the object of the meeting held yesterday at the Sanitary Board Offices. The object was simply to explain to the Chinese property owners the meaning of sections 46 and 154 of Ordinance 1 of 1903, as from information received from the Chinese Members of the Legislative Council and the Chinese Members of the Sanitary Board it appears that the Chinese did not thoroughly understand these sections—I have etc.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President,
Sanitary Board.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1903.

IMPORTATION OF ARMS IN CHINA.

When terms were arranged with China after the attack on the Legations, three years ago, there was a provision forbidding the importation of arms and material used in the making of arms. This prohibition ceases in August unless the Powers deem it necessary to reimpose it. It is understood the Russians are now suggesting that the Powers co-operate to continue the prohibition, but it is doubtful if they will agree. The result of the embargo so far has been, naturally enough, to encourage the manufacture of arms in China itself, while at the same time it has given rise to much smuggling. The Germans notoriously being the chief offenders in this respect. Every arsenal in the Chinese Empire is at present working to its full capacity, says the London correspondent of a well known provincial journal. The Powers so far have not interfered, and I hear from a well-informed source that, having regard to the fact that China is herself making an abundance of war material, the prohibition of the importation of arms will be allowed to lapse.

THE "STOWAWAY" TRADE.

A PROFITABLE BUSINESS CHECKED.

Three "stowaway agents" were recently arrested by the Yokohama Police, to whom they confessed that they have an accomplice in Kobe and five others in Hiroshima, says the *Japan Gazette*. These Japanese have already gained several thousand yen by this nefarious business. The rate of commission paid by every stowaway is said to be Yen 800 or Yen 100. For example, eight would-be stowaways, who were arrested on board the N.Y.K. steamer *Kaga-maru* in this port on the 5th inst., paid yen 180 each. On the arrest of the "agents" only yen 418 was found in their possession, and the police distributed the sum among the would-be stowaways.

SALE OF OLD CHINESE WARSHIPS.

The Chinese Navy is made up at present of about 30 vessels, most of which are not fit for service on account of their considerable age. It is now reported that the Chinese authorities have decided to dispose of seven old warships belonging to the Nan-Yang Fleet. The vessels offered for sale are as follows:—

	Dispos.
Cruiser <i>Nangutsu</i>	2,700
" <i>Nangang</i>	2,700
" <i>Homin</i>	1,477
Gunboat <i>Rimio</i>	400
" <i>Kowai</i>	319
" <i>Hiei</i>	450
" <i>Sakuden</i>	400

THE WEIHWAI GOLD MINING CO., LD.

The following report has been printed:—
To the Directors of the Weihwei Gold Mining Co., Ltd.

Dear Sirs,—Having recently examined the developments on your properties at Weihwei, under the management of Mr. Dawson, I have the honour to report:

SUGAR LOAF HILL.
Is a flat or blanket ledge outcropping at several points. The ledge has been opened on the surface by a series of open cuts clearly tracing the vein for about 1,000 feet, the vein varies in thickness from 4 to 6 feet. The principal working is an open cut 90 feet long, showing the vein from 4 to 5 feet thick for the entire distance; to this must be added a small stringer of quartz overlying the ledge from 6 to 12 inches thick. Should the rock between the upper stringer and lower ledge carry pay, will greatly increase the thickness of the pay ore. All the ore that has been mined so far has every appearance of being high grade carrying a large amount of sulphurets, and occasionally gold is seen in the ore. A short distance below the ledge, Chinese are washing the gravel in the creek, and the gold they find is coarse.

SUGAR LOAF HILL EAST DYKE.
This is a large mass of reddish porphyry intersected with quartz stringers; it has given numerous rich panings. The loose boulders at the surface are being removed, and a horizontal section is being blasted off to enable us to thoroughly test it. Should the whole dyke carry \$5 gold per ton it will be of great value.

ROCKY PEAK.
A strong fissure ledge from 4 to 5 feet thick. A shaft is being sunk on the North side of the water course, following the inclination of the ledge. On the south side a drift has been started, but as the ledge does not come to the surface, they are driving through what appears to be a mass of country rock, carrying a large amount of sulphurets. This is a most promising ledge.

A short distance south of Rocky Peak a shaft has been sunk to feet on a 3 foot ledge of solid quartz, and 2 feet of mixed ribbon quartz and schist. Work was suspended here until it can be sampled for assay.

GINSENG.
A most promising quartz ledge cropping at several points. The surface near this claim is strewn with float quartz; natives are reported to have taken from this ledge considerable rich ore. Pak Fang-siui has been placed in charge of this property.

In conclusion I desire to say, that all the work done up to the present fully bears out my first report on the properties, and while repeated panings of the ores from the different claims have been encouraging, yet pending arrival of assay plant no definite valuation can be arrived at.

Respectfully,
J. R. DUFF.

Shanghai, 12th May.

ASK for ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Girault.

COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S INTELLIGENCE.

A rise in Indo-China coupled with a further heavy drop in Langkats are the two salient features of to-day's share market. The rate of the former has advanced to \$107 buyers; and the latter has declined from Tls 305 to Tls 280. There is an absence of inquiry for all order stocks. Hotels offered at \$150 and later could be procured at \$149.

SHANGHAI FREIGHT COAL AND KEROSENE MARKET.

Writing under date Shanghai, 14th inst., Messrs. Wheelock & Co. state:—

Our Homeward Freight market has become almost stagnant owing to the rise in silver which stops all exports and as long as silver remains in this high and unsettled state we are afraid there will be very little cargo offering in any direction.

Coastwise.—Rates have become firmer in all directions during the past fortnight and prompt tonnage is wanted for coal from Moji to this and the outports; the demand for tonnage to load rice from Wuhu to Canton has slackened off owing to the report that the big local Companies have come to a working agreement with the native shippers.

Coal.—Japan.—There has been very little business to report since last writing. A few transactions have taken place at slightly reduced prices; the inquiry for coal at present is that for actual consumption. Rates of freight have improved, but that is consequent on the scarcity of tonnage.

Cardiff.—A fairly large business has been done in this. We have heard of a big quantity sold to arrive on private terms and we are given to believe that there are a couple of fair sized cargoes on the way.

Sydney.—Wollongong.—There has been a better feeling in the market, and it is reported that importers have realized on some of the stock, the enhanced value of silver doing a great deal towards their being able to do this. There have been no arrivals.

Kerosene Oil.—The market during the past fortnight has been extremely dull owing to the rise in exchange. Importers have been able to sell at Tls 2.35 per case, a drop of 15 candelars per case; we have not heard of much business done at this figure in small quantities at the Tea shop at Tls 2.10, bulk oil has also changed hands at Tls 1.80 per 100 gallons and for 2 tins Tls 2.10 has been done.

Dragon chop Tls 19.12 amongst the Natives is now quoted. The s.s. *Salakadi* arrived on the 6th instant with 51,168 cases Langkat.

RICE.

In their circular dated Saigon, 8th inst., Messrs. W. G. Hale & Co. state:—It is unlikely that there will be much change in our market now, until the season ends. Prices fluctuate a few cents frequently, but it means nothing, more than that supplies are more restricted some days than upon others. If the damage by drought has not been exaggerated, which is not probable, arrivals of grain from the interior, which are now about 50,000 piculs daily, must soon fall away.

There is a moderate demand for the Philippines which our prices do not permit to develop.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer	183
" Bank Bills, on demand	187 1/2
" Credits, 4 months' sight	183
" Debits, 4 months' sight	183
ON BERLIN, (demand)	174 1/2
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand	214
" Credits, 4 months' sight	213
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand	41 1/2
" Credits, 30 days' sight	42
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer	127
" On demand	127 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer	214
" Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T.	83 1/2
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11 68
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael	60.75
Bar Silver	25 1/2

OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—
MALWA NEW.....@ \$900/920
" LAST YEAR.....@ 1010/1040
" OLDEST.....@ 990
PATNA NEW.....@ 990
BENARES NEW.....@ 985
PERSIAN (PAPER).....Nominal

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
TO-MORROW,
(WEDNESDAY), the 20th May, 1903,
at 11 A.M.,

SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road,
Corner of Ice House Street,
100 Cases MACDONALD and MUIR'S
SCOTCH WHISKY;
27 Kegs SURPRISE WHISKY;
4 Cases COGNAC;
12 Boxes ASSORTED SOAPS;
216 Tins ENGLISH TOBACCO;
A Quantity of STONES;
ALSO
An Assortment of BUILDERS' FITTINGS
and HINGES; AND
One COMBINATION SAFE and Two
TYPEWRITERS.
TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1903. [6022]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the FLEET PAYMASTER, H.M.S. "TAMAR," to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,
For Account of the Estate of the late
Lieut. HUGH K. ARBUTHNOT,
on
THURSDAY, the 21st May, 1903,
at 11 A.M.,

SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road,
Corner of Ice House Street,
ONE LOT CLOTHING.
TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1903. [6032]

LOST.

A SMALL ENGLISH PUG DOG. The Finder will be REWARDED by returning to

"CROWNST" Barker Road.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1903. [6062]

ASK for ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Girault.

Co-day's Advertisements.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Government Notification No. 308, the Undersigned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on MONDAY, the 25th instant.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA,
T. P. COCHRANE,
Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,
H. PINCKNEY,
Acting Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,
E. W. ORMISTON,
Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, Hongkong Agency,
GASTON MAYER,
Acting Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED, TARGO-HODSUMI,
Manager.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA,
E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

For the DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHER BANK, H. FIGGE,
Manager.

For the RUSSO-CHINESE BANK,
J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Manager.

For the GUARANTY TRUST CO. OF NEW YORK,
E. F. GROS,
Acting Manager.

For the BANK OF SOUTH CHINA,
J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Managing Director.

For the INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION,
CHAS. R. SCOTT,
Manager.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1903. [6042]

HONGKONG GUN CLUB.

"CADOGAN CUP."

THE finish of this Competition will be shot off the first fine WEDNESDAY or SATURDAY. Members who have not shot are particularly requested to make a point of doing so.

A. TURNER,
Hon. Sec.
Gun Club.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1903. [6052]

NAVAL CONTRACTS, 1903-1904.

SEALED TENDERS in DUPLICATE will be received by the VICTUALLING STORE OFFICER until NOON on MONDAY, the 15th June, 1903, for the supply of TEA (1st and 2nd qualities) for the use of H.M. Navy, for one year ending 31st August, 1904.

Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the Victualling Store Officer's Office.

Samples to accompany Tenders.
The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

H. S. VAUGHAN,
Victualling Store Officer.
Hongkong Victualling Yard,
18th May, 1903. [6072]

KENNEDY'S HORSE REPOSITORY, CAUSEWAY BAY.

HAVE always on hand for hire Walers and China Ponies suitable for hacks or carriage work by day, week, or month. Horses Bought and Sold on Commission. G. W. GEGG, Manager.

Telephone 64,
Hongkong, 19th May, 1903. [6082]

VICTORIA LODGE.

No. 1026, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY, the 22nd instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1903. [6092]

Shipping—Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LD.

JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL AND FOR CONTINENT.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEUS"	On 1st June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"YANGTSE"	On 4th June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OOPACK"	On 9th June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	On 15th June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PROMETHEUS"	On 20th June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"STENTOR"	On 27th June.

S.S. "ANTENOR" has arrived and leaves for Shanghai to-morrow.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON	"PATROCLOS"	On 25th May.
LONDON	"CALCHAS"	On 4th June.
*LIVERPOOL via GENOA	"HYSON"	On 20th June.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ABERP.	"ANTENOR"	On 23rd June.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ABERP.	"ALCINOUS"	On 7th July.
*LIVERPOOL	"OOPACK"	On 14th July.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ABERP.	"TELEUS"	On 21st July.

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, and NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"TELEMACHUS"	On 17th June.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1903.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	"SUNGKIANG"	20th May.
MANILA	"TSINAN"	22nd "
(THURSDAY ISLAND, COCKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRIS- BANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE)	"TSINAN"	22nd "
CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	26th "

* The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yungtze and Northern China Ports.

‡ Taking Cargo and Passengers at through Rates for all New Zealand and other Australian Ports.

N.B.—R.D.D. SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1903.

Hongkong-Manila.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers
between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon amidships—Electric
Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon carried.—All the most up-to-
date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	MANILA (DIRECT)	Saturday, 23rd May, at 10 A.M.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA (DIRECT)	Saturday, 30th May, at 10 A.M.
PERLA	1080	J. McGinty	—	—

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1903.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, INLAND SEA OF
JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

PORTLAND OREGON,

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH

THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail
"INDRAPURA"	4,800	A. E. Hollingsworth	May 22, 1903.
"INDRASAMHA"	5,197	R. P. Craven	June 14, "
"INDRAVELLI"	5,899	W. E. Craven	July 14, "

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA

PROPOSED SAILINGS.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Destinations.	Steamers.	Captains.	Sailing Dates.
FOR FOCHOH*	"ANPING MARU"	J. Goto	WEDNESDAY, 20th May.
FOR TAMSUI*	"DAIJIN MARU"	T. Ogata	SUNDAY, 24th May.
FOR ANPING*	"MAIDZURU MARU"	T. Saito	—
FOR TAMSUI*	"DAIGI MARU"	T. W. Groves	—

* Via SWATOW and AMOY.

The Company's new steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for 1st class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.

All steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered in the highest class at Lloyd's.

Steamers will go alongside the Co's Piers at the Customs' water-front premises at Tamsui to land all passengers and cargo.

By the Co's steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA's steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Co's Local Branch Office, at No. 2, Des Voeux Road Central.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1903.

Shipping—Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.
HONGKONG-MANILA,
REDUCED SALOON PAS-
SAGE MONEY.

SINGLE, \$25. RETURN, \$40.

STEAMERS fitted throughout with Electric Light, First Class Accommodation. Unrivalled Table. Daily qualified Surgeon carried. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1903.

STEAM TO CANTON.

THE Splendid New Steel Twin Screw Steamer

"KWONG CHOW," 1,474 Tons, Captain Walker, leaves HONGKONG for CANTON at 5.30 P.M. on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, returning to Hongkong the following days leaving CANTON at 5 P.M. Unexcelled Accommodation for First Class Passengers. Ship lighted throughout by Electricity. Passage Fare, \$4 Single Journey. Meals \$1 each.

The Company's Wharf is West of the Hongkong Harbour Master's Office.

SHIU ON S.S. CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1903.

WING ON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

THE Steamship

"CHU KONG," Capt. Mason. Departures from HONGKONG to MACAO, Daily, at 7.30 A.M. SUNDAY including. Departures from MACAO to HONGKONG, Daily, at 2 P.M. SUNDAY including. This Steamer is the fastest and has Superior Cabin Accommodation. She will not run TO-DAY and TO-MORROW, the 15th and 16th instant.

FARES: 1st Class, \$1.50 2nd " 70 3rd " 30 Further Particulars may be obtained at the Office of the

WING ON STEAMSHIP CO., No. 42, Bonham Strand West.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1903.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIRLOONG," Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 21st instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS, LAKE & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1903.

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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING," Captain J. G. Spence, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 20th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1903.

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Consignees.

THE PORTLAND AND ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "INDRAPURA," FROM PORTLAND (OR), YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1903.

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Entertainment.

THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE
AND ELECTRIC COMPANY,
LIMITED.

HONGKONG EXCHANGE,
OPEN DAY AND NIGHT.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

EXCHANGE LINES, \$100 Per Annum.

PRIVATE LINES, By Arrangement.

NO CHARGE FOR INSTALLATION.

N.B.—A special charge is made for lines of
more than average length.

ELECTRIC SUPPLIES OF EVERY DES-
CRIPTION IN STOCK,
INCLUDING:—

BATTERIES,
CHEMICALS,
ELECTRIC BELLS,
INSULATORS,
LIGHTNING CONDUCTORS,
SWITCHES,
TELEPHONES,
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Shipping.

Arrivals.

Kasuga Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,368, Hunter, 18th
May.—Nagasaki 14th May, Gen.—N.Y.K.
Chunyang, Dr. s.s., 1,418, Arthur, 18th May.—
Chefoo 12th May, and Swatow 17th, Gen.
—J. M. & Co.
Antenor, Br. s.s., 3,562, Williams, 18th May.—
Singapore 13th May, Gen.—B. & S.
Taurugian Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,560, Narnaki,
18th May.—Mojito 13th May, Coal, Cokes
and Cement.—M. B. K.
Athenian, Br. s.s., 2,240, Robinson, 18th May,
—Vancouver via Yokohama 19th Apr.,
Gen.—C. P. R. Co.
Hailong, Br. s.s., 783, Gibson, 19th May.—
Tamsui 15th May, Amoy 17th, and Swatow
18th, Coal and Gen.—D. L. & Co.
Kwangle, Ch. s.s., 1,468, Lincoln, 19th May,
—Canton 19th May, Gen.—C. M. S. N.
Co.

Dojo Maru, Jap. s.s., Ayabe, 19th May,
—Canton 19th May, Gen.—Kwong Man Wo.
Guliver, Dr. s.s., 2,338, Dabell, 19th May,
—Wuhu 13th May, Rice—G. L. & Co.
Amara, Br. s.s., 1,566, Matlock, 19th May,
—Hongkong 16th May, Coal—J. M. & Co.
Holstein, Ger. s.s., 1,185, Island, 19th May,
—Saigon 16th Gen.—Order.

Departures.

May 18.

Footst 20, for Shanghai.

May 19.

Caledonia, for Europe.

Cheongchow, for Amoy.

Argentine, for Yokohama.

Haiman, for Swatow.

Whampoa, for Canton.

Clara Jaxon, for Canton.

Wingung, for Shanghai.

Moravia, for Yokohama.

Hanyang, for Samarang.

China, for Singapore.

Rajput, for Singapore.

Iyo Maru, for Shanghai.

Doris, for Canton.

P. C. C. Kiao, for Bangkok.

Passengers arrived.

Per Antenor, from Singapore—500 Chinese.
Per Taurugian Maru, from Mojito—Mrs. J.
C. Mitchell, Miss A. Pearson, Mrs. J. Zumbstein,
Mr. T. Sumi, and 1 Japanese.
Per Kasuga Maru, from Japan for Hong-
kong—Mr. M. Iwakura, Mrs. Dulton, Mrs.
E. R. Bryan and 3 children, Miss E. F. Blau-
din, Miss H. F. Gillette, Capt. Tatchell, Capt.
Babazon, Mrs. Ale Bull, Messrs. J. M. Morris,
G. E. Osborne, L. McDermott, J. M. Head,
Mrs. Mosk, Messrs. Elie Cheverlange, K. Kita-
jima, Koh Tuk Go, 24 Japanese, 18 Chinese,
2 Koreans and 2 Ceylonese. For Brisbane—
Mr. and Mrs. R. Edward, Miss Edward, Mr.
M. Edward, Miss Mackenzie, and Mr. G.
W. Goodson. For Sydney—Messrs. G.
Stevens, A. Parker, Mr. C. P. Smith, Mr. and
Mrs. Morgan, and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Calver.
For Melbourne—Mrs. F. Robertson and 3
daughters, Messrs. W. B. Mason and M. Ito.
Per Hailong, from Coast Ports—77 Chinese
and 3 Japanese.
Per Athenian, from Vancouver, &c.—Mrs.
Abbott, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Boomer Dawson,
Misses Bremers, Williams, Read, Messrs.
Abbott, Roberts, Robertson, Simmonds Wal-
ford, Spicer, Canuth, Farrow, Walton Taylor,
Longstaff Dawson, 22 Chinese and 1 Japanese.

Steamers Expected.

Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Tsinau	Kobe	B. & S.	May 20
Nanchang	Chefoo	B. & S.	May 21
Chusan	Singapore	J. M. & Co.	May 21
Kenilmond	Singapore	P. & O. Co.	May 22
Vindobona	Singapore	G. L. & Co.	May 22
Eon	Colombo	M. & Co.	May 27
Yanconer	C.P.R. Co.	May 29	
Namsang	Calcutta	J. M. & Co.	June 2
Indrasamha	Orissa, P. & A. Co.	June 3	
Chingtu	Sydney	B. & S.	June 5
Preussen	Genoa	M. & Co.	June 13

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H.I.G.M.S. Jaguar ... " " " "
H.I.G.M.S. Luchs ... " " " "
Tayabas ... " " " "
Montanes ... " " " "
Canton River ... " " " "
San Joaquin ... " " " "
Taichow ... " " " "
Guercour ... " " " "

Ships Passed The Canal.

Outward—15th April—C. Ford, Laeiza,
Rasella. 17th April—Machon. 21st April—
Benlond, Glenek. 28th April—Indrawadi,
Redders Hock-n. 1st May—Triele, Bamberg,
Manila. 5th May—Roon. 8th May—Annua,
Tamba Maru, Badenia. 12th May—Seneca,
Glenochy, Yang Tze, Renuene, Kish. 16th
May—Ceylon, Ernest Simons, Teekhai, Tele-
machus, Dunbar, Valdemar.
Homeward—15th April—Vindobona. 17th
April—Ajaz. 21st April—Canton, Bencher,
Neslor, Oosman. 19th April—Stuttgart. 8th
May—Andalusia. 5th May—Candia. 8th
May—Opach, Maeduff.
Arrivals at Home—1st May—Glenyle,
5th May—Machon, Sydney. 8th May—Prinz
Heinrich, Malta. 12th May—Formosa. 12th
May—Indradeo, Shingoa, Kam-kura Maru.
16th May—Kintuck, Sachsen.

Shipping Reports.

Str. Chunyang from Swatow:—Variable winds
and foggy weather.

Str. Yueniang from Manila:—Lights S.S.W.
wind and fine weather throughout.

Str. Glenek from London:—Light N.E.
winds to Cape Padaran, and strong S.W.
and S.E. winds and high sea, to port overcast, and
hazy approaching Gap Rock.

Str. Whampoa from Shanghai:—On the 16th
inst. at 9 p.m. passed a str. towing a lighter
off Ockseu bound North. Light variable winds
and foggy weather throughout the passage.

Str. Borneo from Sandakan:—Had fine wea-
ther in the Sulu and Southern part of the
China Sea, in the Northern part prevailing
S.W. winds, heavy rainy squalls with lightning.

Post Office.

A Mail will close for:—

Shanghai—Per Antenor, 20th inst., 8 A.M.
Swatow, Singapore and Bangkok—Per Leo-
nok, 20th inst., 9 A.M.

Batavia—Per Simong, 20th inst., 9 A.M.

Tanawine—Per Taitan, 20th inst., 9 A.M.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Aping
Mure, 20th inst., 9 A.M.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Light-
ning, 20th inst., 11 A.M.

Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama—Per Ku-
mano Maru, 20th inst., 11 A.M.

Macao—Per Heungshun, 20th inst., 1.15 P.M.

Manila—Per Sungking, 20th inst., 3 P.M.

Manila—Per Yueniang, 20th inst., 3 P.M.

Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane,
Sydney and Melbourne—Per Kasuga Maru,
20th inst., 3 P.M.

Kumchuk and Samshui—Per Tungkong, 20th
inst., 4 P.M.

Namiao—Per Taitan, 20th inst., 5 P.M.

Canton—Per Honan, 20th inst., 5 P.M.

Kobe and Yokohama—Per Bingo Maru, 20th
inst., 5 P.M.

Canton—Per Kinsan, 21st inst., 9.30 A.M.

Manila—Per Rohila Maru, 21st inst., 10 A.M.

Mojito, Kobe, Yokohama, Manzanillo Mexico
and San Francisco—Per Lathian, 21st inst.,
11 A.M.

Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui—Per Hailong,
21st inst., 11 A.M.

Macao—Per Heungshun, 21st inst., 1.15 P.M.

Namiao—Per Taitan, 21st inst., 4 P.M.

Canton—Per Poodan, 21st inst., 5 P.M.

Macao, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,
Honolulu and San Francisco—Per Gaelic, 21st
inst., 5 P.M.

Manila, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns,
Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne—
Per Taitan, 22nd inst., 3 P.M.

Manila—Per Rudi, 23rd inst., 9 A.M.

Mojito, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, (B.C.) and
Portland, Or.—Per Indrapura, 23rd inst.,
10 A.M.

Mojito, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, (B.C.) and
Tacoma—Per Victoria, 23rd inst., 10 A.M.

Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per
Bengal, 23rd inst., 11 A.M.

Cebu and Iloilo—Per Kufeng, 26th inst.,
3 P.M.

Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per
Zieten, 27th inst., 10.30 A.M.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,
Victoria, Vancouver, B.C.—Per Athenian, 27th
inst., 11 A.M.

Singapore, Penang and Colombo—Per Ma-
laca, 29th inst., 11 A.M.

Manila—Per Zafra, 30th inst., 9 A.M.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama,
Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per Empress of
China, 3rd June, 11 A.M.

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THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg,
Acting Director of the Hongkong Obser-
vatory:—

On the 19th at 11.45 a.m. The barometer has
fallen over Central and E. Japan owing to the
depression which is moving N.E. in the Sea of
Japan.

Pressure has increased considerably along the
China coast and is highest between the E.
coast and the Loochoos. Gradients slight for
S.E. winds in the Formosa Channel and N.
part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—S.E. winds, moderate; squally,
thundershowers.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER REPORT.

	On date at 4 p.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.80	29.75
Temperature	83	75
Humidity	83	93
Rainfall	0.12	

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

May 18th, 1903, a.m. Wind W.

Bar. Th. Hu. Wind W.

	7 a.m.	10 a.m.	1 p.m.	4 p.m.	7 p.m.	10 p.m.
Wladivostok	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Nemuro	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Hakodate	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Tokio	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Kochi	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Nagasaki	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Kagoshima	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Oshima	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Taiokajima	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Taichu	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Tainan	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Koshu	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Pescadores	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Weihaiwei	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Guzlaf	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Sharp Peak	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Amoy	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Swatow	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Canton	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Hongkong	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Victoria Peak	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Gap Rock	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Macao	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Wai-pang	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Manila	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Malate	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Barcol	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Iloilo	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Cebu	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
C. St. James	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7

THE SHARE MARKET.

STOCKS.	PAID UP VALUE.	LAST DIVIDEND.	TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.			
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$ 125	Div. of £1.10/- and bonus of 10/- @ 1/7 = \$25.26 for half-year ending 31/12/1902.	\$670 b.
National Bank of China, Ltd.	£ 8	3/11 on A. shares for 1902	\$128 b.
Do. Founders	£ 1	\$1.90 on B. shares for 1902	\$10
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Union In. Society of C'lon, Ltd.	\$ 100	60 per cent = \$30 per share for 1901	\$525
China Traders' In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	16 1/2 % = \$4 for year ended 30/4/1902	\$60 b.
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